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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
Subject: PDE01342_Formal Objection to proposed development HG2-46 (1062) – Horsforth, former waste water treatment works
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RE: LEEDS SITE ALLOCATION PLANS - FORMAL OBJECTION
Date: 15/11/15

Dear Sir / Madam,

As part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan public consultation process, I would like to formally object to the proposed development of the following greenfield site:

HG2-46 (1062) – Horsforth, former wastewater treatment works off New Road Side

It is my understanding that the proposed development site is NOT consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework, specifically with regard to Green Belt. Leeds must continue to protect our Green Belt and greenfields for the benefit of current and future generations of residents and animals.

The field and open green space, which is being proposed for development, has been part of the designated Newlay Conservation Area since 2008 and is important to me because it is a valuable haven and corridor for wildlife in the adjacent woodland of The Outwood. The woodland is home to bats, owls, several families of foxes, otters, squirrels and other mammals and their habitat has already been disturbed by lorries using the Newlay Bridle Path for access to the Kirkstall Forge Development Site.

I have often exercised my dog around the proposed development site and such exercise has been beneficial not only for my pet but my own personal physical and mental health and wellbeing. I have fed families of foxes, squirrels and badgers for over 7 years and their continued wellbeing would be adversely affected by further encroachment on the greenfield site.

The site acts as a buffer between the woodland of The Outwood and the Kirkstall Forge Development site protecting the wildlife's habitat and environment from excessive human contact, noise and litter.

The site should continue to be part of Leeds' 'Strategic Green Infrastructure' as identified in the Adopted Core Strategy.

It is my understanding that the proposed development site is NOT consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework, specifically with regard to infrastructure as the Kirkstall Forge Development has already created a bottleneck on the A65 at the junction of New Road Side and Hawksworth Road with the installation of traffic light controls. Development and infrastructure requirements must be considered side by side.

Development of this greenfield site will lead to nearby villages being engulfed within the 'Main Urban Area' and they will no longer be separate 'Major Settlements' of their own. Reference, Adopted Core

Strategy (Map 3, Settlement Hierarchy). The Kirkstall Forge Development with its proposal for over 1,000 new houses will become linked to the Newlay Wood estate with only a thin sparse area of woodland separating the two communities if the greenfield site is developed. The Outwood is unlikely to survive as a haven and relatively safe environment for established wildlife if pressed by populations either side of it as the Newlay Bridle Path would not act as a sufficient barrier to separate it from the Kirkstall Forge Development site. In my opinion the site performs an important role in safeguarding the woodland from urban encroachment.

This site lies within the Newlay Conservation Area and was so designated because the open area was considered to make an important contribution to the character or appearance of the Conservation Area. Its loss and subsequent development would result in harm to that part of the designated area. As there is a legal duty on the Council to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of its Conservation Areas, its loss and subsequent development cannot be considered to be acceptable.

Please keep me informed of the public examinations, submission of the plans and potential outcome of the review as I would like to retain my right to attend and speak.

Yours faithfully,

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